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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, OLL

VIA : Chief, OLL/Liaison Division

FROM : Chief, Senate Liaison

SUBJECT : More on Senator Stevens' Amendment on DOD Polygraph Examinations

REFERENCE : OLL 85-1634, 13 June 85, same subject.

SAC (Defense Subcommittee) staffer Shekmar called again at 11 a.m. to inform OLL that a sentence has been added to the end of the Stevens amendment as follows:

...as well as the Secretary of Defense; "polygraph examinations" are counterintelligence scope polygraph examinations in which the relevant issue questions are designed only to elicit indications of whether a person is, has been, or is planning to be involved in matters of unauthorized disclosures, espionage, sabotage, or terrorism.

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SUBJECT : Senator Stevens' Proposed Polygraph Amendment

1. Senate Appropriations Committee (Defense Subcommittee) staffer Susan Shekmar called OLL at 9:30 a.m. today soliciting a letter of support from the DCI for Senator Stevens proposed polygraph amendment to the FY85 DOD supplemental appropriation bill. The bill is to be marked up at 2 p.m. today in full committee. The Stevens Amendment reads:

The Department of Defense is authorized to conduct and shall require random polygraph examinations to assist in determining the eligibility of any individual for access to classified information. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a determination of eligibility or ineligibility for access to classified information shall be committed to agency discretion and the determination of the head of the agency is final. For purposes of this section, the head of the agency means the secretary of the military departments as well as the Secretary of Defense.

2. Ms. Shekmar was advised that while we would look into the matter immediately and attempt to meet her short deadline, that quite possibly the DCI might not wish to take a public stand on a matter totally within the purview of the Department of Defense.

3. Copies of this memorandum will be provided to OLL/Legislation Division for coordination with OGC, and to the Intelligence Community Staff's Legislative Liaison Office in view of the DOD involvement.

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